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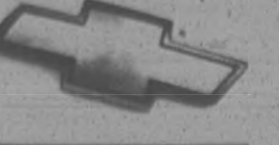



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# The Elba Clipper

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## Elba National Guard unit training to use elite military vehicle

by Linda Hodge, Editor

As many people in Elba spent last Saturday having fun and relaxing, what to do with the remainder of the weekend for individuals known as National Guardsmen, headed to Fort Rucker for a weekend of training.

The Elba National Guard unit, more officially known as B Battery of the 3rd Battalion which is headquartered in Troy, entered Phase II of training with the Multiple Launcher Rocket System.

Most people might ask what exactly is a Multiple Launcher Rocket System or MLRS, and the best answer might be that it is a \$2.8 million deep strike vehicle designed to reach its enemy at large distances.

Gary McDuffie, an instructor from Fort Sill, Okla.,

joined the guardsmen at Fort Rucker last weekend for the training session, and he said the MLRS is replacing the Persian System.

The MLRS is more modular than the old Persian System and has a "quicker" deployment, McDuffie said. The Persian was too bulky and heavy to transport, and this new MLRS has a greater striking distance.

So, what makes the MLRS such an elite system for the Army? McDuffie said the MLRS is a tracking vehicle that can put its crew within one meter of its target anywhere in the world. And with the vehicle being designed for deep strike, he said the crew is able to hit a target at a maximum distance of 386 km or 181.5 miles.

Also, McDuffie said the vehicle is able to fire both missiles

and rockets. He said the crew can fire two missiles within 20 seconds or 12 rockets within 60 seconds. The missiles can travel the maximum distance previously mentioned, and the rockets can travel a distance of 71 km or 45 miles.

By the way, McDuffie said the vehicle carries two six-packs, and he doesn't mean the kind a person would buy at the beverage store. Instead, he refers to two six packs of rockets which weigh in at about \$35,000 per six pack.

This system also eliminates a lot of manual work we had to do with the Persian System," he said. "Where we were working with a 9-man crew, this system has only a 3-man crew."

Also, he said one round of

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National Guardsmen of the 3rd Battalion have been training recently to use the MLRS (Multiple Launcher Rocket System) as shown above. This \$2.8 million vehicle is among the most elite vehicles used today by the military. Guardsmen with the local Elba unit spent a weekend of training at Fort Rucker taking calibration runs with the MLRS and making sure they could use the equipment properly. This unit is the first in Alabama to experience the cross training from cannons to the MLRS. Those captured above include guardsmen Richard Tindell, Raymond Graham, William Verdell and Dale McClendon.

## Failure to yield causes two-vehicle collision



Emergency personnel responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident last Thursday, Sept. 5, at the intersection of Alabama Bypass 203 and Alabama Highway 87. The accident, which occurred at approximately 12:10 p.m., did not cause any injuries to the party involved. James Griffin, age 66, of Troy was attempting to make a left turn off the bypass onto Hwy. 87 with his 1969 Chevrolet C10 pickup truck as Marsha Farris, age 24, of Elba was traveling South on Hwy. 87 in a 2001 Pontiac Grand Prix. According to the police report, Griffin failed to yield to Farris which resulted in the collision. The accident was investigated by Officer Chris Gaglio of the Elba Police Department, and units from Coffee County EMS and the Elba Fire Department also responded. As always, motorists are urged to use extreme caution while traveling through intersections, and with the closing of Alabama Hwy. 125 at the Whitewater Creek bridge (crooked bridge), more traffic will be traveling through the intersection of AL 203/AL 87. Therefore, local law enforcement officers strongly suggest motorists be extra cautious while traveling through this intersection.

## Human case confirmed for Coffee County

### New Brockton addresses mosquito and WNV issue

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council found mosquitoes and the West Nile Virus (WNV) to be a top concern Monday evening, Sept. 9, as the regular monthly meeting of the board was held.

Mayor Charles Cole began by announcing that the first human case of the WNV in Coffee County has been confirmed. He said it reportedly involves an 82-year-old woman from New Brockton.

"We have requested help through the state," Cole said. He continued by saying the state will provide areas in need with the chemicals and sprayers needed to help control the mosquito population. He said the town has to apply through the county emergency management agency, and it is hard to say when the state will be able to provide the needed materials since so many areas are asking for assistance.

"According to the health department, we do have a problem in Coffee County with mosquitoes and the West Nile Virus," Cole said. "We have already targeted areas in New Brockton for spraying when the state can get to it."

The mayor said anyone who knows of an area that might need spraying should report it to his/her councilman or county commissioner. He added that the Town of New Brockton is delivering reading materials to its citizens offering tips on how to avoid mosquitoes and things to do to prevent potential breeding sites.

A resolution regarding a department of transportation project for sidewalks in New Brockton received mixed emotions from the council members.

Cole said the grant for the project equals \$66,704 and the Town of New Brockton only needs to supply \$13,340.80 in local matching funds.

With the town's financial woes in mind, Cole said any grant the town gets it will not ask that money comes out of the general fund. He said he felt local donations and fund raising efforts would supply the funds needed for this particular grant.

Cole recommended that the council approve the resolution. He said the council could still decide not to go ahead with the grant even with the resolution passed.

A few of the council members had questions as to whether the \$13,340.80 would be all that the town would have to come up with in that it was less than the original percentage amount stated.

Cole said the engineer and architects were working with the town on this project and had indicated that the amount would indeed be all that New Brockton will need to supply; however, it was the consensus of the council that this would need to be explained in further detail.

Therefore, council member

Jody Stuckey made a motion that the resolution be tabled until the council could get more information regarding New Brockton's portion of the money. Council member Ricky Strickland supplied the second to the motion, and it passed by a 3-2 vote. Stuckey, Strickland and council member Ron McMonagle voted in favor of the motion.

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## Area Happenings

**AREA FOOTBALL GAMES.** On Friday, Sept. 13, the Elba Tigers will be at home taking on the W.S. Neal Eagles, the New Brockton Gamecocks will be at home against Samson, the Kinston Bulldogs will travel to Arlton, the Zion Chapel Rebels will travel to Houston County and the Brantley Bulldogs will be at home against Pleasant Home. All games will begin at 7:30 p.m. with the exception of the Zion Chapel game which will begin at 7 p.m.

**NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB** meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

**SEE YOU AT THE POLE.** The Elba Recreation Center will be the site of a "See You At The Pole" Rally Wednesday, Sept. 18, from 7-8 p.m. for 7th-12th graders. Appearing will be the TSU Praise Band and First Assembly Drama Group with testimony from Jonathan Lockett and guest speaker Nathan Carroll. Free Pizza will also be available for those in attendance.

**CHAMBER BANQUET.** The Elba Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual banquet Thursday, Sept. 26, 6:30 p.m., in the commons area at Elba High School. Dress for the event is casual. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office for \$15. Anyone needing additional information should call the chamber at 897-3125.

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners experienced an array of emotions Monday morning, Sept. 9, as the regular bimonthly meeting began with good news and drifted to heated conversation regarding other matters.

Commission Chairman Tom Grimsley began the meeting with a discussion regarding county road upkeep and directed thanks to Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer, both in attendance for the meeting, for their help across the county.

"Our county engineer has often said that we have raised the standards in Coffee County," Grimsley said.

With this he mentioned \$246,000 in extra federal and funds that the governor has made available to the county for resurfacing county roads, however, he turned to County engineer Randy Tindell for further explanation.

Tindell said during a 12-month period beginning in 2001, the county resurfaced 80 miles of county roads. He too credited Holley and Spicer for their help in locating the funds to complete these projects.



Representative Terry Spicer and Senator Jimmy Holley presented a check signed by Governor Don Siegelman equaling \$1,172,274 to the Coffee County Commission Monday morning, Sept. 9. The money will be used for an extensive road resurfacing project within the county. Those pictured include (from left to right): Terry Spicer, Jim Thompson, Jimmy Holley, Doug Dalrymple, Kayo Lewis, Robert Stephens, Linda Westbrook and Tom Grimsley.

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## ABC board makes drug arrest near Kinston over the weekend

William Ralph Rhoades, age 62, was arrested Saturday morning, Sept. 7, and charged with two counts of Trafficking in Methamphetamine and one count of Unlawful Distribution of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine).

According to officials with the Alabama ABC Enforcement Division, Rhoades delivered and sold approximately 38 grams of Methamphetamine to law enforcement officers at a location near Kinston.

In addition to this, officers later recovered approximately 38 grams of Methamphetamine, digital scales, packaging materials and a pistol from Rhoades' residence.

The estimated street value of the controlled substance seized is \$7,600.

This arrest is part of an ongoing investigation into the use and possession of

Methamphetamine in the Coffee County area. This investigation is a joint effort of the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board's Enforcement Division, the Coffee County Sheriff's Department and the Elba Police Department.

## NEWS BRIEF

The director at the New Brockton Senior Citizen Center currently has new forms for the Senior Citizen Prescription Plan.

Many senior citizens may qualify for cheaper and up to free prescription drugs by applying for this plan.

Senior citizens interested in applying for this plan should contact the New Brockton Senior Citizens Center.

## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

It was surprising Tuesday morning to here a representative of the company removing the "crooked bridge" over Whitewater say that he expected his crew to be completed with the project by Wednesday afternoon. We were standing on the remaining section of the bridge watching the machines work and it seemed like a lot left to do, even though the span over the water is already down. We were also surprised to see that the only parts of the bridge that were in the water were a couple of sections of steel girders. These will be pulled out as soon as the men with the cutting torches finish the sections they are already cutting up for scrap, leaving the water void of contamination from the bridge removal.

The federal government is in the process of allowing airline pilots to carry firearms. Our humble opinion is that the best thing for the pilots to do is lock the door between the cockpit and the passengers, and leave it locked regardless of what comes or what goes. These aircraft are all pressurized and a gunshot that misses this highbacker just might go out through the side of the aircraft, suddenly depressurize the plane and really cause problems. Well, it happens that way in the movies!

There was a lot of grumbling last week as the street resurfacing project in downtown Elba was underway. Us Elba folks (like Americans across the country) don't like to be bothered, one little bit. We just want the work done magically while everyone is asleep or on the other side of town. However, we had better adjust to this and fast because there will be a lot more such activity in the next couple of years. That is the price of progress. As the levee work gets underway, the Highway 84 four lane moves closer to town, a couple of planned commercial construction projects get started, etc., Elba streets and highways are going to be very, very busy.

Last weekend we attended a family reunion at Lakepoint Resort in Eufaula. Of course the weather was nice and the event was well. It was eventful. Now this was the first time this gathering was held at Lakepoint and the first time many of the attendees had ever been there. An amusing thing happened to all those who had taken their swim suits with plans to swim in the lake. The sign at the official swimming area warns to swim at your own risk because alligators are present. That was chilling and moved the swimmers to the pool at the lodge. Their decision was confirmed as a wise one as we were eating in the dining room Saturday evening and one of the fishermen eating fast with plans to crank the boat and hit the bass again, looked out and spotted a gator, about ten feet long, quietly swimming across from the boat dock at the lodge to that very swimming area!

Alabama has a November general election coming up in which we elect a whole bunch of public officials. Other states will also be holding general elections on that date. While Alabama has had its primary elections, Florida's was on Tuesday (as this article is being written). We don't know exactly what happened, but apparently there is still some election problems in that state, bringing back memories of the last presidential election. Whatever it is, we understand that the polls in the Panhandle of Florida will be open until 9:00 p.m. tonight. Of course the word from election officials in the Panhandle is that it is still the folks in South Florida who are messing up everything. Whatever we hope it doesn't take weeks and weeks (plus expensive law suits) to declare the winners this time around.

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of September 2, 2002, through September 8, 2002. They were: Shaquille Curry, Clara Kelly, David Ross, Mary Mack, Margaret Hussey, Billy Davis, Katie Grant, Gwen Rayborn, Jimmy Davis, Sr., Mary Legg and Donald Harrison. Persons discharged during the same time period were: Smith, J.B., Smith, Shaquille Curry, Clara Kelly, David Ross, Mary Mack, Margaret Hussey, Billy Davis and Jimmy Davis.

Elba Elementary School Menu  
Sept. 16 - 20, 2002

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cheese Sandwich, 1/2 Orange, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Pizza, Green Salad, Battered Carrots, Fruit Cocktail, Milk
Tuesday - Waffles, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Fried Chicken, Rice, English Peas, 1/2 Orange, Roll, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Breaded Beef Patty, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Green Beans, Roll, Sliced Peaches, Milk
Thursday - Pop Tarts, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Vegetable Beef Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Hamburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Pudding Cup, Milk

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## American Red Cross urges citizens to always remember 9/11

As the American Red Cross reflects on its 121-year history, it is clear that no other disaster compares to the horror of September 11, 2001. The numbers appear staggering as we look at the types of relief and the amount of funding that has been provided and to whom:

- 3,000 lives lost
- 55,000 families displaced from their homes or their jobs
- \$638 million in disaster relief aid to date provided to victims of this tragedy
- 4 million meals for affected families and emergency workers
- 57,000 Red Cross volunteers responding from around the nation

And on the same day, Sept. 11, 2002, we celebrated the following incidents: five for domestic violence, one breaking and entering a motor vehicle, five for harassment, one criminal mischief, five for theft of property, one attempted suicide, one stolen cellular telephone and one burglary.

The following arrests were made: one for criminal trespassing.

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**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5:** Coffee County EMS dispatched to 742 West St. (6:15 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 1563 Seminole Dr. (6:29 a.m.); River stage - 5.10 feet (6:50 a.m.); 2-vehicle accident reported at the intersection of the 203 Bypass and Hwy. 87 N. (12:14 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the accident at the intersection of the 203 Bypass and Hwy. 87 N. (12:15 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a house fire in the Branson Trailer Park (11:08 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the house fire at Branson Trailer Park (11:09 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6:** River stage - 4.68 feet (6:18 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 1644 Hickman Ave. (12:12 p.m.); 2-vehicle accident reported on Herman Driggers Dr. (4:45 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 348 Tucker Ave. (8:25 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7:** River stage - 4.55 feet (6:11 a.m.); Alarm activated at Kelley Foods, building A (9:34 a.m.); Routine activity.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8:** River stage - 4.56 feet (6:07 a.m.); Routine activity.

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**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5:** Coffee County EMS dispatched to 742 West St. (6:15 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 1563 Seminole Dr. (6:29 a.m.); River stage - 5.10 feet (6:50 a.m.); 2-vehicle accident reported at the intersection of the 203 Bypass and Hwy. 87 N. (12:14 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the accident at the intersection of the 203 Bypass and Hwy. 87 N. (12:15 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a house fire in the Branson Trailer Park (11:08 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the house fire at Branson Trailer Park (11:09 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6:** River stage - 4.68 feet (6:18 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 1644 Hickman Ave. (12:12 p.m.); 2-vehicle accident reported on Herman Driggers Dr. (4:45 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 348 Tucker Ave. (8:25 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7:** River stage - 4.55 feet (6:11 a.m.); Alarm activated at Kelley Foods, building A (9:34 a.m.); Routine activity.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8:** River stage - 4.56 feet (6:07 a.m.); Routine activity.

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# CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

## Cemetery working to be held at Pleasant Ridge Church on Saturday, September 14

There will be a cemetery working for Pleasant Ridge Church on Saturday, Sept. 14. The purpose of this is to prepare the church grounds for Homecoming which will be Sunday, Sept. 22. Interested parties are asked to come early and bring any tools needed to help clean. Pleasant Ridge Church is located on Coffee County Road 228 near Victoria.

## "Voice of Praise" to be in concert at Mt. Zion Baptist Church Saturday, September 14

There will be a gospel singing at Mt. Zion Baptist Church located at Mixson's Crossroads, featuring "Voice of Praise", September 14 at 7:00 p.m. There is no admission charge.

## Gospel singing and homecoming celebration planned at Mt. Olive Baptist Church

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, located in the Pine Level Community, Elba, Alabama will hold a gospel singing on Sunday evening, October 6, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. Featured gospel group will be the Henderson's from Florida. A homecoming celebration is set for the following Sunday, October 13, 2002. Sunday School will begin at 10:00 a.m. with Sunday morning worship service at 11:00 a.m.

Homecoming will be held at Friendship Baptist Church in Bullock will be celebrating Homecoming, Sunday, September 15, 2002 beginning at 10:50. Special music will be by "Psalms 4". A coverage dish dinner will follow. Everyone is invited.

## WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT...?

A Service of the Elba Church of Christ

Is one religion just as good as another religion?

The United States Constitution makes provision for the free practice of religion. No matter what your religion is, and as long as the practice of it does not in any way violate any other provision the U.S. Constitution allows, then you are free to practice it without the fear of the government preventing you to do so. So, by the standard of the U.S. Constitution, one religion is just as good as another religion. But, what standard do you suppose truly matters when it comes to religion? It will be many to agree with the notion that one religion is just as good as another, and some go about to practice many of the religions that are taught in the world today. However, when we consider the standard of the supreme authority in the land when it comes to religion, and it is not the U.S. Constitution, or any other man-made law, but our God in heaven, then we will realize that one religion is not just as good as another religion. Jesus said "He that rejected me, and receiveth not my words; hath one that judgeth him, the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48). God will only judge us by His word, not by any other religious book, at the last day. If we are obeying the commands taught by His word, then we have nothing to fear, but considering the Bible, these words are written: "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophesy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophesy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book" (Revelation 22:18-19).

Jimmy Simmons

## ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2006

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-17  
Thinking of you, praying for you, Fredlie Culver, Leo Henderson, Ruth Belcher, Versie Barnes, Wallace and Mattie Belcher, Betty Burkes, Vick E. Lindsey, Rev. Eugene English and family, Betty English and Mary L. Belcher Stevens.

September Birthdays and Anniversaries  
R.C. Carpenter - September 13, Shambria Samuel - September 15, Johnathan Lockett - September 18, Annie Pearl Carpenter - September 24, Derrick Duncan - September 26, Thelma Burkes - September 30, Eria and the late Grover Belcher - September 12, Gary and Juanita Burkes - September 26 and R.C. and Annie Pearl Carpenter - September 29.

Bethlehem Baptist Church will hold a gospel singing on September 15, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. Featured singers will be the Traveling Stars of Elba and the Gospel Four of Pensacola, Fla.

The Miss Omm Pageant will be held September 21, 2002 at Elba High School. A Homecoming Program will be held for Mrs. Catherine Waters on September 28, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. at the Southeast District Singing Hall (Daneley's Cross Road in Brooksville Community).

A Homecoming Program will be held for Rev. and Mrs. Jonas Rogers on September 15, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Raymond Franklin.

Pre-Church Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, September 22, 2002, 2:00 p.m. at the Tribal Office, 201 East McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Ala. The following land cases will be discussed: Humphries, Strickland, Johnson, McGlaun, Johns, Wright, Horn, Stuckey and others. Roll cards will be given out. Must be present to receive card.

MaChis Lower Indian Tribe to meet September 22  
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Milton E. Belcher

Milton E. Belcher recently was appointed by Attorney General Bill Pryor as an Administrative Law Judge for the Administrative Hearings Division in the Alabama Attorney General's Office. This division provides a neutral panel of administrative law judges to hear and render decisions in administrative hearings for some 36 state agencies, boards, and commissions.

Belcher joined the Attorney General's Office in 1976 and currently is an Attorney IV, the highest level for state attorneys. He formerly was Chief of the General Civil Litigation Section in the Attorney General's Office Coordinator for Mandatory Continuing Legal Education programs whereby all state attorneys, in order to remain licensed, are required to obtain 12 hours of annual legal education. In August of 2000, the Dean appointed Belcher to the Law School Foundation's Board of Directors for the University of Alabama School of Law. He is the co-author of the 1988 publication "The Black Male in the American Demographic Portrait." His 1990 personal update of that book is entitled "Arresting the Plague among

Black Males -- Let the Healing Begin."

He is admitted to practice law in all state and federal courts in Alabama, Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Supreme Court. He is a former adjunct professor at Jones School of Law and Tuskegee University, and currently at Auburn University at Montgomery.

Belcher was born in Elba, and is one of nine children of Eria Belcher and the late Grover Belcher. In 1966, he was the first African American to enroll at

Tuskegee University. In 1970, attended the University of Kentucky School of Law, and received his law degree from the University of Alabama in 1976. He went on to earn a Master's degree in criminal justice from Auburn University at Montgomery in 1980. Belcher also served on active and reserve military duty as an Army officer in the United States, Africa, Korea, and Germany. He is retired from military duty as a Major Senior Grade, after 22 years of service. Belcher is married to Betty J. Franklin Belcher and they reside in Montgomery, Ala.

Have good day and be grateful.

C.C. Association of Retired Teachers & Support Personnel to meet

The Coffee County Association of Retired Teachers and Support Personnel will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 3 p.m. at the Enterprise City Schools Service Center (Highway 84 East). The guest speaker will be Dr. Jerry Reese, superintendent, Enterprise City Schools.

The Alabama Retired Teachers Association District 9 meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept. 17 in the Multi-Purpose Room at Enterprise State Junior College from 9 to 12. No advance registration is required.

### Bible Verse

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein. Psalms: 24-1

## Miss Nicholson and Mr. Motzenbecker to be united in marriage Saturday, November 2



Miss Nicholson & Mr. Motzenbecker

Ms. Patricia Kennedy Nicholson and Mr. Claude Ronald Nicholson of Elba, announce the engagement of their daughter Patricia Renae Nicholson, to Kenneth Henry Motzenbecker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Charles Motzenbecker of Dothan, Ala.

The bride elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Grover Nicholson, Jr., Mrs. George Marshall Kennedy, and the late Mr. George Marshall Kennedy of Elba.

Miss Nicholson is a 1997 graduate of Elba High School. She received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Degree with a major in Marketing and Logistics. She is currently employed in Charlotte, N.C.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Mrs. John William Motzenbecker and the late Mr. John William Motzenbecker of Venice, Fla. and the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Arthur Neuman of Bonita Springs, Fla.

Mr. Motzenbecker is a 1998 graduate of Northview High School in Dothan, Ala. He received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Degree with a major in Logistics. He is currently employed in Charlotte, N.C.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, November 2, 2002, 2:00 p.m. at the Elba United Methodist Church. A reception will follow in the Church Fellowship Hall. All family and friends are invited to attend.

Class of 1982 plan 20 year reunion for October 18-20

Elba High School Class of 1982 will celebrate their 20 year reunion October 18-20, 2002. For more information call Buddy Clark at 897-6810 or 897-4400, Mike Amson at 897-8301, or Florence Barnes at 356-8497 or 717-9635.

AARP group to meet Tuesday, September 27

The Elba AARP chapter will meet Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 6 PM for a covered dish dinner meeting at the Elba Senior Center. The speaker, Senator Jimmy Holley, will bring a legislative update.

Anyone over 50 invited to attend and become a member of the local AARP group. Call Sybil Hahn, president, 897-6982, for more information.



Pictured L to R: Denise Saults, Lynn Weeks and Melissa Flowers

## The New Seasons Study Club holds first meeting of 2002-03 year

The New Seasons Study Club held their first meeting of the 2002-2003 year at the home of Denise Saults Tuesday, August 20, 2002. Co-hosting with Denise were Melissa Flowers, Betty Lawford and Tammy Driggers.

Lynn Weeks, Elba High School teacher and counselor, was the guest speaker. One of Mrs. Weeks' responsibilities as counselor is to find scholarships for graduating seniors. She thanked the club members for funding scholarships for the last two years and offered suggestions to the club for establishing certain "criteria" for the school.

## Wayne Brown to be honored on 90th birthday

Wayne Brown will celebrate her 90th birthday on September 22, 2002 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Zion Chapel Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. No gifts, presence will be enough.



Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Lewis to be honored with 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Lewis Jr. will host a 50th wedding anniversary reception in honor of their parents and grandparents on September 22, 2002 at Westside Baptist Church in Elba, Ala. from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. All family and friends are invited to attend.

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# SCHOOLS

## Top eight selected to represent Elba at CCYLP

by Sheena Flowers



### Tiger Tales

Editor:  
Sheena Flowers

### Faculty Spotlight

by Brittany Cooper

Mrs. Jane Moseley is an Elba Elementary/High School teacher. She teaches at the Elementary in the morning, and she teaches Phonics Intervention at the high school in the afternoon.

Mrs. Moseley graduated from Valley High School. During high school, she was on Valley High's Journalism Staff, Dance line and Key Club. After high school, Mrs. Moseley attended Troy State, where she was in Phi Mu, Fraternity, Honor Society, and a majorette for the Troy State Band.

Mrs. Moseley is married and has one child. Her husband's name is Michael, and her son's name is Chase. He will be 5-years-old in September.



Jane Moseley

When asked if she likes Elba High School, Mrs. Moseley replies with a definite yes. She says she loves the people she works with, and she loves working with the students.

The CCYLP (Coffee County Youth Leadership Program) is a highly selective program that only the crème de la crème of students from all over Coffee County. The program is open to sophomores and juniors only, with the priority for juniors. The few lucky (and highly deserving) students will participate in one session every month learning about Coffee County and their roles as leaders in their homes, schools, and in the community. The students taken from Elba, Enterprise, New Brockton, Kingston, and Zion Chapel Schools will participate in many activities during the course of the year ranging from agriculture to health care to civic involvement. The eight students selected to represent Elba High School in the 2002-2003 CCYLP are Blake Brunson, Colby Capps, Ben Dye, Katie Driggers, Christy Eubanks, Meredith English, Ralston Moore, and Ayonna Proctor. They have worked extremely hard, and they are wonderful choices to represent our school. As a 2001-2002 CCYLP participant, I can honestly say that this program is very worthwhile. The students learn so much, and they get to interact with many new people. As EHS guidance counselor Mrs.



Those pictured include: (front row, left to right) - Ayonna Proctor, Christy Eubanks, Meredith English and Lynn Weeks; (back row, left to right) - Blake Brunson, Ralston Moore, Ben Dye, Colby Capps and Katie Driggers.

Lynn Weeks says, "Anything students learn so much from interacting with other students from within the county. The best part is that while it is educational, it is also very interesting and fun."

Congratulations to these eight students, and good luck!

## Q&A: Talking with the Tigers

by Ayonna Proctor

Hey Elba! It's football season again, and the 2002-2003 football season at Elba High has been a good one so far. Coach Mike Waters is entering his second season as head football coach at Elba, and everyone hopes this season will be another filled with the pride, tradition and excellence known as Elba Tiger football.

I had a chance to interview a few of the Elba Tigers and coaches to get a feel for what they expect this season.

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## From the principal's desk...

We would like thank you for reading the first edition of "From the Cockpit". We are proud to present the news of New Brockton High School and the accomplishments of our students, teachers, clubs, and athletic programs.

As you know, our mascot is the Gamecock, which is known for its diligence, strength, honor,

and success. These attributes also apply to our school, student body, teachers, and community, and we would like to thank the Elba Clipper for giving us the privilege to display them.

We hope you enjoy reading about New Brockton High School and we look forward to you joining us each month, "From the Cockpit".

## Faculty Spotlight

This month's Faculty Spotlight is shining on Janice Strickland, New Brockton High School's Guidance Counselor. When the 2002/2003 school year began over a month ago, so did Mrs. Strickland's 33rd year of teaching.

"I've been an educator for 32 years, and I've spent 31 1/2 of those years in New Brockton Schools," she says proudly.

Her first teaching job was at South Highlands Elementary School in Opp, but then she quickly transferred to New Brockton to teach fourth grade, where she spent 12 years. The last 20 she has been at NBHS as the Guidance Counselor.

The Elba native says the biggest change that she has seen in education is technology, of course.

"It's funny," she notes, "technology has made my job easier, but it seems I spend more time on certain tasks than I ever did before."

She also sees a bright future ahead for New Brockton High School.

"This is a great school, a small school, where everybody knows everybody, and all students are given an opportunity to participate and succeed if they are willing. I think that these aspects are what will carry New Brockton into the future."

"I've taught the moms and dads of our students, and it won't be long before I will have taught their grandparents," she comments with a chuckle.



Janice Strickland

Mrs. Strickland says she would like to see some renovations take place in the coming years at NBHS to improve the school even more.

"I love New Brockton. We have the best students in the world, and I take so much pride in our students when they do well. I always enjoy seeing them return to the school, to visit and catch us up on what they're doing," she explains.

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## Gamecocks play at home Sept. 13th

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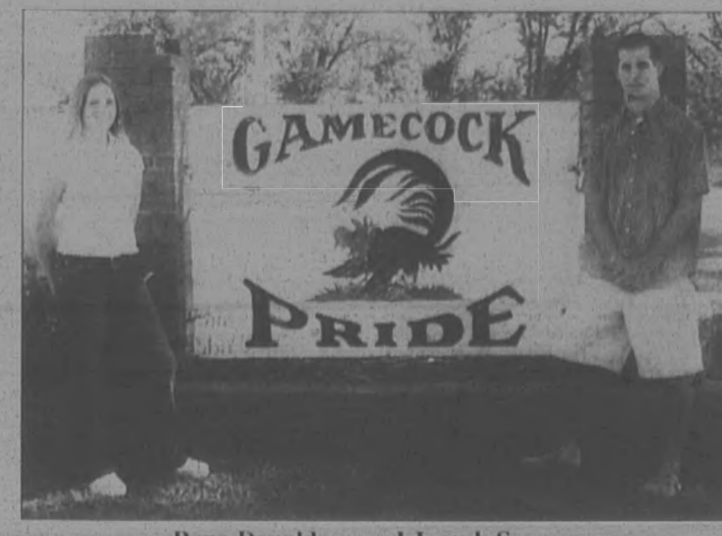
## Sawyer and Donaldson nominated for award

The Wendy's High School Heisman Program recognizes high school seniors nationwide who have learned to collaborate and appreciate the interrelation of academics, athletics, and community service. Principal Dale Kelley has nominated New Brockton High School's Joseph Sawyer and Rena Donaldson for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award for their academic aptitude, athletic talent, and tremendous display of commitment in and out of the classroom setting. These two promising young leaders represent the very best New Brockton High School has to offer, as both are recognized for their achievements and outstanding levels of commitment to their teachers, classmates, and communities.

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## NB High School remembers 9/11

To honor the memory of those lost in the September 11 attacks, and to celebrate America at its best, the CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition is coordinating service-oriented and character-building activities for American Character Week September 9-13. The national office of CHARACTER COUNTS! seeks to help schools, communities, police and firefighting agencies and others commemorate the first anniversary of the September 11 attacks in a manner that celebrates the countless acts of courage and compassion that shaped people at their best.

# COMMUNITY



ROBERT L. HODGE OF DALEVILLE (a former resident of Elba) was honored with a "surprise" 70th birthday dinner Saturday evening, Sept. 7, at Larry's Bar-B-Que in Daleville. Hosts for the event were his children and wife, Shirley Hodge.

Several family members were in attendance including Robert's three sisters, Peggy McIntosh, Mary Crocker and Bernie Boland, and youngest brother, Randle Hodge, all of Elba.

Don't Forget to



## Area schools to participate in TSU Band Day Saturday, September 14

A Coffee County high school band will participate in Troy State University's fourth annual Band Day activities Saturday, Sept. 14.

Zion Chapel High School, under the direction of Michael Bird, will join musical forces with Troy State University's Sound of the South Marching Band and 18 other regional high school bands in a half-time performance at the Troy State Southern Utah football game.

The show will be the culmination of the day's events, according to Kim Stone, spokesperson for the band.

"About 1,400 students will perform together on the field, and roughly 200 band directors will observe from the stands," Stone said. "Band Day is an excellent recruitment tool for our program as well as the university. It gives high school students a chance to not only see a college football game, but to participate in one as well."

The united bands will perform "Hot Stuff," "My Home in Alabama" and the Trojan Fight Song. Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. at Richard M. Scrushy Field at Memorial Stadium. For ticket information call 1-877-TSU-TICS.

Scheduled participants in TSU Band Day are Brantley High School, Cairo (Ga.) High School, Callaway (Ga.) High School, Charles Henderson High School and

Charles Henderson Middle School of Troy, Cottonwood High School, Dale County High School, Escambia County High School, Fufaula High School, Excel

High School, Florida High School, Goshen High School, Highland Home School, Monroe Academy, Notsulga

High School, Reeltown High School, Slocumb High School, Vincent High School, Wicksburg High School, and Zion Chapel High School.



Curtis Donaldson and wife Georgia at their first Curtis School Reunion, 2001.

## Curtis School Reunion planned for October 12

The 17th annual Curtis School reunion will be held on Oct. 12, 2002, at the covered pavilion behind New Ebenezer (Curtis) Baptist Church, Hwy. 141, Elba. The program begins at 11:30 A.M. with a covered dish lunch at noon. The program will continue after lunch when two families will be honored, as well as an outstanding

alumnus. A special feature this year will be a printed program with photos, history of the school, tribute to former principal E.C. Griffin, and some favorite reunion recipes.

Bring a covered dish, something to drink and a lawn chair. Ice and eating utensils will be furnished.

## Sheriff Bryant Mixson to receive medal

Dale County Sheriff Bryant Mixson 55, will receive the Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate from the Wiregrass Chapter, Alabama Society of Sons of the American Revolution, during a September 19 program in The Rawls, Enterprise.

Mixson has been sheriff of Dale County since 1983. Other law enforcement experience includes assignment as a juvenile probation officer in the Dale County Juvenile Court, and as a police officer with the Ozark Police Department.

Chapter President James D. Lee will make the presentation during the third annual Constitution Day luncheon held with members of the John Coffee Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and other area residents with ties to early American history.

During the meeting, Lee will present awards to three Middle Elementary School teachers for their approach to teaching early U.S. history to their students.

Alabama Society President John B. Wallace will make an award to a Coffee County resident who has earned special recognition from the patriotic society.

Regent Carol Boylston will make three awards for the John Coffee DAR chapter.

Colors will be presented by members of the Alabama Society's color guard.

Area residents who are active or former members of either the SAR or DAR are welcome but reservations must be made by contacting John Ray Fuller, secretary, at 347-4213.

## Grimes Reunion set for Saturday, October 5

Descendants of James Shorter and Malissa Grimes will hold their annual family reunion on Saturday, October 5, 2002, at New Ebenezer (Curtis) Baptist Church, Hwy. 141, between Elba and Opp. The reunion begins at 10 A.M. and a covered dish luncheon will be served at noon at the picnic pavilion behind the church. The family of Cynthia and Charlie Meacham will be hosting the reunion this year. For more information, contact Joe Meacham at 334/897-2514.

## Can't Afford To/Can't Afford Not To workshop to be held at ESJC

Investing: Can't Afford To/Can't Afford Not To will be held at Enterprise State Junior College this fall semester. This educational workshop informs individuals about retirement planning, college fund planning, personal financial growth, and avoiding major risks. Topics covered in this five-session workshop will include certificates of deposits, bonds, IRA options, mutual funds, stocks, and annuities. There is a \$35.00 fee for this course, and the registration deadline is September 24. Workshop sessions will be held on Tuesdays, October 1-29, 6:00-7:30 p.m. For more information, call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## MLRS

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ammunition covers the same amount of area with the MLRS as eight rounds covered with the old system.

McDuffie said the Army has used the MLRS as far back as Desert Storm, but he said currently the military is working to change some of the nation's field artillery guard and reserve units over from the cannon system to the MLRS.

As for the Elba unit, it is part of the first battalion in Alabama to make the change over. However, McDuffie stressed that not all units will change over because there is still a need to have the cannon units to handle close range targets. He said the MLRS can reach targets at a minimum distance of only 5 km.

The local unit began its training for the MLRS back in March by familiarizing itself with the system through distant learning training. The guardsmen entered Phase II of the training in May, and actually started their combat training last weekend.



Elba National Guardsmen Sgt. Mike Mills and Spc. Joshua Ordes sit inside the MLRS vehicle as they do an equipment check. Proper use of the equipment was only one part of the training last weekend in Ft. Rucker. After the equipment check was complete, the men took the vehicle on a calibration run.

## TOWN

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tabling with council member Vicky Harrison and Cole young son, Cole, and brother Johnnie Herron abstained from the vote.

Council members approved the Fiscal Year 2003 budget Monday evening by a unanimous vote.

In regards to the budget, McMonagle said the department with the most restrictions was the police department with some hours being cut and overtime taken out.

He also mentioned allowing money within the street department's budget to build a kennel for animal control. He said the idea is that New Brockton can build its own kennel and save money whereas it is currently paying Elba to shelter stray animals.

Reappointed Cole to the water board. His current term expires Oct. 1st.

Approved a motion to renew the Senior Citizens contract for one year.

Received an update on the Harvest Festival, which is planned for Oct. 19. Cole said the town needs volunteers and donations. He said the proceeds from this event will help with expenses such as grants.

Following an executive session, approved a motion to take administrative action within the police department. This recommendation was made following an extensive investigation within the department.

Approved the payment of the bills totaling \$2,073.90 with the exception of the Southern Line bill for the police department. The motion indicated that this bill will be under investigation in regards to what the town owes. Council members agreed this bill has continuously been higher than they originally expected.

Approved a motion to allow police chief Jerry Gilbert to attend the Alabama Attorney General's Summit on Oct. 15 if he wants to travel to and from the event in one day. Also approved a motion to allow Gilbert to drive the town's newest police car if he wants to. Cole stressed that the town will not pay for Gilbert's mileage if he does not take the police car.

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highway engineer's in the state.

"Without adequate transportation, industry won't come," Holley said. "You're investing in our community."

Spicer echoed Holley's remarks and continued by reflecting back to the time he visited County Rd. 308 where the bridges needed replacing.

"Now we can have school buses travel that road safely across the bridges," Spicer said. "We will resurface these roads and make them even safer for our citizens as they travel."

Following a check presentation, the commission moved to another money matter. This time the commission had the duty of deciding which banking institute will be its depository for the upcoming year.

Only three banks provided proposals.

The Peoples Bank of Coffee County proposed a fixed interest rate on deposits at 2.07 percent for the year and a fixed interest rate on loans at 3.45 percent for the year.

CB&T of Enterprise proposed a fixed interest rate on deposits at 2.88 percent for the year and an interest rate of 1/2 of Prime on loans.

SouthTrust of Dothan proposed a fixed interest rate on deposits at 1.70 percent for the year and was unable to provide a fixed rate on loans for the year.

County administrator Wilson Mobley said he asked the banks to provide a proposal based on a fixed interest rate for the year on both deposits and loans.

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The units have gained a more quicker mobile system that allows more technology and less manual labor," he said. "With this training, the men can do everything they can do in a real war situation."

Commissioner Robert Stephens made a motion with a second from Commissioner Linda Westbrook to accept the proposal of The Peoples Bank. He said he felt this bank provided the highest qualified proposal.

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positional. Commissioner Doug Dalrymple said the deposit interest rate is the most important CB&T provided the higher rate with a lower loan interest rate. He said he felt the commission should stay with CB&T, which is the county's current depository.

Stephens said his motion was based on the fact that The Peoples Bank was the only institute to provide a fixed rate on both deposits and loans just as the administrator had asked for from each bank.

A representative for CB&T was present at the meeting and said if the county wanted it to hold to the current rate then the fixed rate would be 1/2 of 4.75 percent on loans.

"If you're going to let one bank change its proposal, you should give the other banks that same opportunity," Stephens said.

Sometime during this extensive conversation, commissioners began discussing what it did last year when some commissioners felt CB&T was awarded the depository although The Peoples Bank offered the better proposal in regards to the interest rate on deposits.

Westbrook said she felt as though the commission was not being consistent with its voting.

After presenting the figures from last year's proposals, it was discovered that The Peoples Bank did indeed have the higher interest rate on deposits; however, several of the commissioners said it was irrelevant what happened last year. Others said they were only trying to make a point.

During this time, the representative from CB&T withdrew his banks proposal and left.

The commission finally returned its focus to the vote of Stephens' motion to accept the proposal from The Peoples Bank. This motion failed with a

3-3 tie as Commissioner Bernest Brooks was out of town.

"According to the statute, you've (commission) got to award some bank as the county depository by the first of October," Mobley said.

With that Dalrymple made a motion to award the depository to CB&T if the company will still accept it. He received a second from Grimley. This motion was approved by the commission.

Commissioner Stephens, who voted in favor of Dalrymple's motion, said he made his original move because he didn't think CB&T met the specifications. He said he is for the people of Coffee County getting the most interest on their money.

In other business, the commission received a request from Operation Santa Claus for an assistance the county can provide. Charlotte Caldwell, secretary for the Elba Recreation Department, said Operation Santa Claus reached 60 families last year with the help of the people and businesses in Elba. She said with the county's help more families could be reached this year.

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## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I used to worry about Melanie being tired and taking naps after coming home late in the afternoon, but after last week, I guess maybe she has a reason to be tired every now and then. She made it to school every day and had no problems with her homework, but on Monday she had volleyball practice, on Tuesday had a volleyball match and then cheered for a junior high football game, on Wednesday had volleyball practice, on Thursday had another volleyball match and then on Friday went to Hayneville to watch Elba play football. Thank goodness for weekends!

## ELBA TIGERS GET BIG REGION WIN ON THE ROAD

The Elba Tigers journeyed into the jungles of Lowndes County Friday night and came home with a 40-14 win over the Central of Hayneville Lions to improve to 2-0 on the season and go 1-0 in the region standings. The Tigers expected to win the game and pretty much did whatever they wanted against the outclassed Lions, and got the chance in the final quarter to play every player that was dressed out in the black and gold. It was a good win and one that will help the younger players feel like they are indeed members of the team.

The Elba offense could have easily scored many more points, but had more than enough after three quarters and then took the night off. The tailback trio of Horstead, Moultry and Pierson combined for 195 yards and three touchdowns, and showed that they had enough speed to get outside even against a defense with the quickness of Central. Quarterback Brandon Petty had his best night of the young season as he hit on 7 of 11 passes and connected for 3 big touchdowns that helped the Tigers take command. The Tigers may have the best three running backs of any team in the area, and if Petty can connect when he goes to the air, opposing defenses won't be able to load up to stop the run. That combination would be almost impossible to stop.

The Elba defense had to make adjustments on the run against the wide-open Central attack, but totally dominated play for three quarters and was in complete charge for most of the night. Central didn't get a first down in the first quarter, and at the half had managed only 37 yards in total offense. Central did roll up some yardage in the opening week action, and now with a rare win over Dothan, it looks like the 'Cats might be very much improved and a lot better than anyone thought. Two games don't make a season, but two wins sure do make things more fun.

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Bulldogs rolled to the win. Brantley still has some very tough games ahead and will need to get better and better if they expect the wins to keep coming. However, the 'Dogs were a much better team in week two than they were in week one, and I am sure plans are to improve each and every week.

NEW BROCKTON (1-1) allowed Red Level's Antonio Harris to gain almost 400 yards and score six touchdowns in the Gamecocks' wild 47-28 loss to the Tigers. The Gamecocks moved the ball well on offense and put four touchdowns on the board, but simply could not stop Harris as Red Level ran wild and got the big region win. New Brockton will have to just forget the loss and stay focused on the game's ahead, and of course improve on defense.

ZION CHAPEL (0-2) took it on the chin 55-0 Friday night over in Pleasant Home and the Rebels have now been outscored 103-7 in their opening two games. The Rebels and their coaches knew they would suffer some growing pains this season with over half the team being sophomores, but the key now after suffering two big losses will be for the players to forget the scores and simply work hard and try to get better each day in practice. It is way too early to write the Rebels off. However, this season the won-loss record won't tell the true story for Zion Chapel.

## SECOND WEEK SURPRISES ABOUND IN PREPARATION

The second week of the high school football season was filled with region play, and it was a surprising week for many teams in the area and across the state. Here are just a few....

Dale County hosted Geneva in a 4A showdown that turned out to be anything but as the Warriors steam rolled past the Panthers 40-7. Dale County was expected to be down a little this season after some off-season controversy that saw its ex-coach replaced. However, Geneva's Coach Leavy Boutwell warned that the Warriors might be better than they were a year ago, and it looks like he was very right. Charles Henderson hosted Escambia County and rolled to a huge 62-0 win. The Trojans have been rebuilding slowly for the past few years and expected to field a solid team this season, but even the biggest Trojan fan would not have predicted the big win in week #2. Don't look now, but Charles Henderson may very well be a team to beat in 5A circles.

Opp saw its one-game winning streak stopped as Daleville pounded the Bobcats 42-0. The Bobcats had high hopes after their opening win over Luverne, but the 4A Warhawks proved that they were indeed one of the top teams in the state in their class, while Opp will simply have to go back and regroup to get ready to play some teams that it can beat if it plays well. Hey, nothing is going to come easy.

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and proved absolutely nothing in the process. Tommy Tuberville has always scheduled some automatic wins to help his record look good, and that was all that Saturday meant. \*\*\* Troy State was upset by UAB 27-26 and all of the sudden the folks up in Troy and wondering what lies ahead. The near miss against Nebraska had many TSU fans, and apparently some coaches and players, overconfident heading into the UAB clash. However, the Trojans found out once again that in the world of Division I there are few easy wins. Oh yea, they will have this one this week.

## POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PLODS ALONG

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by over the weekend and said that it looks like it might be time to visit a couple of yard sales and try to find a new crystal ball. He did pick the opening two weeks on his own after retiring his old helper, but after going 23-10 last week and moving to 39-17 on the season, the local guesspert was checking out the classifieds for any and all yard sales in the area. Oh well, this week he is on his own again....

## ELBA VS. W.S. NEAL

The Tigers will host a hungry batch of Eagles from East Brewton this week and the coaches at Elba High have been trying to convince their troops that W.S. Neal is much better than its 0-2 record makes one believe. If the Tigers continue to show improvement and play their best game of the young season they should be okay. However, anything less will find the Tigers hanging an "L" on their side of the ledger.

## ELBA 22 W.S. NEAL 20

## NEW BROCKTON VS. SAMSON

The Gamecocks literally got run out of town last week over in Red Level as the Tigers rolled up over 500 yards in total offense, and this week the Gamecocks will have to rediscover its defense in a hurry if it hopes to have better luck with the talented backs from Samson. New Brockton needs a region win to avoid an 0-2 start, but the guess here is that Samson might be a little too strong up front.

## SAMSON 27 NEW BROCKTON 19

## KINSTON VS. ARITON

The Kingston Bulldogs grabbed a big region win last week and now have the chance to go 2-0 and make an early statement to its future region foes. The Purple Cats from over in Arton haven't been a football power in years, but are much better than many people realize, and if the Bulldogs aren't ready, they could get caged. It a real battle....

## KINSTON 20 ARITON 18

## ZION CHAPEL VS. HOUSTON COUNTY

The Rebels knew times would be tough this season, but thought with a large number of players out that better days were ahead. Better days may very well be ahead for the youthful Rebels, but this season the folks up in Jack could find wins hard to come by. Another lesson learned.

## HOUSTON COUNTY 40 ZION CHAPEL 8

## BRANTLEY VS. PLEASANT HOME

The Bulldogs got a big road win last week and healed a lot of wounds from their opening week loss as they put four touchdowns on the board. This week the Brantley defense will be tested early and often by the high-flying Eagles, and the Bulldogs must avoid getting into a scoring contest if they are to have a chance at winning. Look for Brantley to take a big step back toward being a 1A power.

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## Elba's Tim Hudson wins feature race at South Alabama Speedway

by Mark Chisum

South Alabama Speedway held the 5th Annual Street Stock Madness race Saturday night and the extra laps played to Tim Hudson's advantage. Hudson took the lead on lap 60 of the 75-lap feature and went on to win the Street Stock special.

Jamie Bowers took the initial lead before Brian Martin took over on lap three. Long green periods allowed drivers to move up through the pack and then caution periods bunched the field back up. Timbo Kendrick and Derek Deese were two drivers that were able to make their way forward as the race went on. At the half way

mark, Martin continued to lead followed by Chad Roberts, Deese, and Kendrick. Hudson was back in the sixth spot.

Martin was beginning to slip a little in the turns and Roberts was beginning to apply the heat. After several attempts to stick his nose under Martin, Roberts was finally successful on lap 51. But Deese also had a good run and as the three headed down the backstretch, Deese got his nose under Roberts. The trio headed into the turn three wide, which of course, didn't work. Although Martin was the only one to spin; track rules sent all three to the rear of the field. Stuart Bedsole, who has made his way up to fourth, took

over the point, and appeared headed to his first win. But on lap 61, Bedsole's car slowed and headed to the pits. Hudson took over and led the remaining 15 laps to take his second Street Stock win. Kendrick finished second ahead of Scott Whitehead. Roberts and Martin came back to finish fourth and fifth.

In the Super Stock Feature, David Ashley won for the second straight week. Greg Rayburn took the early lead before Rick Northey took over on lap six. Ashley took the lead on lap 11 and led the rest of the way to take the win. Jody Henderson took the runner up position, followed by Northey, Tommy Adams, and Bill Brown. In the second straight week, there was a new winner in the Modified Class. Jamie Ater led the first two laps before last week's winner Doug Rogers charged into the lead. Rogers led for the next nine laps before Mike Johnston took over on lap 12. From there, Johnston held off Kevin Peel to take his first win at South Alabama. Rogers held on to

finish third with Ater fourth and Ken Gibson fifth.

Ricky Osborn led flag to flag to win the Roadrunner Feature. Post race inspection claimed three of the next four finishers. Second place finisher Jason Singletary, fourth place Perry Boin, and fifth place Gary Morse were disqualified for having illegal heads. Larry Roberts crossed the line second, and passed inspection. Kim Bishop was moved up to third with Sam Smith fourth and Larry Cagle fifth.

Ken Younce Sr. took the lead half way through the 20-lap Mini Sportsman Feature and went on to win. Early leader Mike Cherry finished second with Josh Cherry third. Rick Cherry took home fourth place honors, with Scott Daughtry rounding out the top five.

In a special 15-lap Motorcycle Feature, Robert McClellan took the lead from Tim Large on lap five to take the win. Reggie Barnsdale was second with John Aarts third. Rounding out the top five were Large and Van Rayburn.

## SPORTS

## Grab key region win

## Elba tames Lions 40-14

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers used a dominating performance in the opening two quarters to open up a 27-0 halftime advantage and then turned things over to the reserves as they coasted in with a lopsided 40-14 win over the Central Lions, last Friday night in Hayneville.

The win upped the Tigers' record to 2-0, 1-0 in Region 1 competition, while Central saw its record slip to 1-1 overall and 1-1 in region play.

Neither team was able to move the chains on the first three offensive series of the game. However, Elba began its second possession at its own 29-yardline and quickly headed downfield as the Tigers marched 71 yards in nine plays to grab the lead.

A key play early in the drive was a 37-yard pass completion from Brandon Petty to Ralston Moore on third down and 19, while Todd Horstead provided help on the ground as he gained 30 yards on four carries. Dougie Pierson got the touchdown on a two-yard dash, and although the extra-point sailed wide, Elba was on the scoreboard first and owned a 6-0 lead with 3:32 remaining in the opening stanza.

Elba's next possession began at the Central 46-yardline, and this time it took the Tigers seven plays to get back into the endzone. A 17-yard gallop up the middle by fullback Jason Curran got the drive off to a fast start, while a key play in the march was an 8-yard run by Todd Horstead on third down and six at the Central nine-yardline. Horstead scored the touchdown on a 3-yard run, and Brandon Petty passed to Marcus Henderson for the two-point conversion as the Tigers upped their lead to 14-0 with 11:47 remaining in the second quarter.

Central managed its first two first downs of the night on its ensuing possession and reached a first down at the Elba 38-yardline. However, the Elba defense wasn't about to let the Lions get into the endzone, and turned back the scoring threat on a pass interception by Kyle English.

The Elba English returned to the field after the interception and once again headed back downfield to add to its lead. The Tiger touchdown came on a 27-yard pass from Brandon Petty to Kyle English, and Anthony Doar added the extra-point as Elba's lead went to 21-0 with 3:21 left in the half.

The Tigers got the ball back at their own 30-yardline with 1:36 remaining on the clock and were determined to get back into the Lions' endzone, only to see a penalty back the Tigers up and leave Elba facing a third down and 19 at the 21-yardline. Brandon Petty dropped off a screen pass to Dougie Pierson on the key third down play and Pierson rambled 30 yards after pulling in the pass to give the Tigers a first down at the Central 49, and the Tigers got into the endzone only seconds later when Petty fired a touchdown pass to Marcus Henderson from five yards out. The extra-point try failed, but when the half ended 25-seconds later the Tigers trotted off the field with a 27-0 advantage.

Elba received the second half kickoff with hopes of adding to its lead, but a penalty and a 12-yard loss on a quarterback sack backed the Tigers up, and disaster then struck as on a punt attempt the snap sailed high. Elba's Marcus Henderson managed to leap high and get possession of the snap, but with a heavy Central rush charging in Henderson attempted to kick the ball out of the endzone, and Central recovered the kick before it reached the end of the bounds line for a Lions touchdown. Central converted the two-point conversion, and with 9:16 left in the third quarter Central was on the scoreboard and had cut the Elba lead to 27-8.

The Tigers began their ensuing possession at their own 36-yardline and promptly marched 64 yards in seven running plays to regain command. A 33-yard scamper by Dougie Pierson set the Tigers up at the Lions 14, and two plays later it was Pierson who scored the touchdown on a 13-yard run. A two-point pass failed to connect, but with 6:07 remaining in the third quarter Elba's lead was up to 33-8.

Elba's Kyle English made his second interception of the game on Central's next possession to set the Tigers up at the Central 39-yardline, and this time it took the Tigers ten plays to get back into the endzone. A 15-yard run by Todd Horstead and a 55-yard gain by Horstead on fourth down and one were key plays in the scoring drive, while the score came on a 12-yard pass from Brandon Petty to Kyle English. Anthony Doar tacked on the extra-point, and with 5:06 remaining in the third quarter the Tigers had the win wrapped up as they led 40-8.

The Tigers' Mandrell Carpenter intercepted a Lions pass on Central's next possession to put Elba in business at the Central 30-yardline, but the Tigers gave the ball right back on a fumble, and then fumbled the ball away again on their next possession near midfield.

Central took advantage of the second Tiger turnover to score its second touchdown of the night, with the Lions score coming on a 46-yard touchdown pass. The two-point try failed, as Central pulled within 40-14 with 5:47 still left in the fourth quarter. Elba lost yet another fumble on the first play from scrimmage on its ensuing possession, and Central appeared to cut even further into the Tigers' lead on a long touchdown scamper, only to get a break when the Lions were flagged for a clip at the Elba 15-yardline. Elba's Joseph Platt intercepted a Central pass two plays later to kill the scoring threat, and this time the Tigers managed to hold on to the ball long enough to run out the clock and claim the wild 40-14 win.

Todd Horstead gained 103 yards on 14 carries and scored one touchdown to lead Elba, while Dougie Pierson added 54 yards on 7 carries and scored two touchdowns and Quinton Moultry gained 38 yards on 11 carries. Brandon Petty connected on 7 of 11 passes for 144 yards and three touchdowns.

Jason Curran made 4 tackles and 3 assists to lead the Tiger defense, while Kyle English added 2 tackles and also made 2 interceptions. Marcus Henderson, Nick Folmar and Patrick Tyson all chipped in with 3 tackles.

## STATISTICS

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43-260	Rushes Yds. 21-10
144	Passing Yds. 103
404	Total Offense 113
7-11-0	Passes 8-19-4
5/4	Fumbles/Lost 2/0
1-19	Punts-Ave. 3-23
30	Penalty Yds. 25



Tiger tailback Todd Horstead (25) looks for running room on the corner in Elba's 40-14 win over Central. Horstead gained 103 yards on 14 carries in the region win for the Tigers.



Elba's Patrick Tyson (62) drags down a Central receiver during action Friday night in Hayneville. The Tigers upped their record to 2-0 with the 40-14 win.



Elba Tiger tight-end Ralston Moore (15) heads downfield after pulling in a pass. Moore gained 37 yards on the reception to help the Tigers drive for a touchdown in first quarter action last week in Elba's 40-14 region win over Central of Hayneville.

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Elba defensive coordinator Jetey Wise talks with Tiger players during a break in the action. Coach Wise and his defense will have its hands full this week when the Tigers host W.S. Neal in a region 1 battle.



Tiger offensive linemen take a break during action Friday night in Elba's 40-14 win over Central of Hayneville. Pictured are (l-r) junior Derrick Thomas (60), sophomore Adam Spicer (75) and senior Freddy Mallory (78).

## Elba Tigers host W.S. Neal Friday in key region 1 battle

The Elba Tigers will return home Friday night and will put their perfect record on the line when they host the winless, but dangerous W.S. Neal Eagles, an important Class 3A, Region 1 contest.

The Tigers are 2-0, 1-0 in region play, after claiming wins over Brantley 13-0 and Central of Hayneville, 40-14, while the Eagles will limp in with an 0-2 state, 0-1 in region competition, after losses to Hillcrest, Evergreen, 21-20, and Pike County 42-21.

"You can forget the fact W.S. Neal is 0-2 after two weeks," stated Elba's Coach Mike Waters. "They have as good a team as we have as any team we will play all season and will come in here hungry for a win. The folks down at Neal know that to go 0-2 in the region this early in the season will be almost impossible to overcome, and I guarantee you they will be sky high when they hit the field Friday night."

"On offense," said Coach Waters, "they still run out of the 1 with two wide-receivers and like to run the option and toss sweep. Neal has the same quarterback and running backs it had last season, and they try to use their speed to get outside. Their favorite play is the toss sweep, where the back takes the pitch and looks for a crease in the defense to cut back to. They have moved the ball well, and have scored three touchdowns in both of their games. They have been inconsistent and that has kept them out of the winners circle in their opening two games. Over on defense they will line up in a fifty front and have very skilled linebackers. They like to slant their down linemen and stunt their nose guard, and there is no doubt they will stack the line and try to stop the run against us."

"There is no doubt this will be our toughest game of the young season against a team that was picked by many to challenge for the region title," added Coach Waters. "For us to win we will have to play our best on every single play and not have any breakdowns. On offense we will have to be able to run the foot-

ball and be successful when we go to the air. They have good size and quickness on defense, and we will have to keep improving in the offensive line, and not turn the ball over. The key on defense will be to stop their running backs and to stop the toss sweep. We will have to tackle well and do a better job on containment than we did a week ago against Central. W.S. Neal has proven they can score points against good teams, and it will be a tremendous challenge for us to try to stop them."

"W.S. Neal will come here Friday night fighting for it lives," said Waters, "and we will have to be ready and play with the same intensity they will bring to the field. They know that to start off 0-2 in the region will all but end their playoff hopes, and that means they won't hold anything back against us. We were a little lucky to get out of Neal last season with a win, and this year we will have to make our own luck to win against a team that is much, much better than its record shows. We know we will be in for a battle for all four quarters."

When asked about Friday night's 40-14 win over Central, Coach Waters stated "We struggled early, but made some adjustments and were able to get up 27-0 before the half and then let our younger kids get some playing time. On offense we moved the football on the ground and through the air and only ran about four or five plays. The younger players had problems holding on to the ball in the second half, but they have to learn and it was good that they got the chance to get in a game. The defense gave up some big pass plays and struggled at times with containment, but it mostly came with the younger players in the game, and it just so happened that Central really opened things up after we had the younger players on the field. We didn't get a good pass rush and didn't tackle real well. However, anytime we can win a region game on the road we will take it, and it was

## SPORTS

## Opens season with big win

## Kinston surprises Houston County 31-19

By Tony Kelley

The Houston County Lions rolled into Kinston Friday night fresh off an impressive victory over the 4A Headland Rams and ranked fourth in the state in Class 1A. Someone forgot to tell the Kinston Bulldogs; however, as they were not impressed with their guests and rolled to an impressive 31-19 season opening win.

Neither team was able to score on their initial possession of the night, but the Bulldogs turned their next possession into points as Cole Meeks burst into the endzone from two yards out. The extra-point try failed, but Kinston was ahead early 6-0.

Houston County wasted little time answering the Bulldog score as Lions quarterback Trey Michael found Jermaine Crews open down the sidelines and hooked up with the speedy receiver for a Houston County touchdown. The Lions tacked on the extra-point, and Houston County was on top 7-6.

Kinston wouldn't trail for long, however, as on the ensuing kickoff Jim Bedsole broke loose on an 83-yard return to put the Bulldogs right back in the lead. The Bulldogs tacked on a two-point conversion, and Kinston was back on top 14-7 with play still in a wild first quarter.

Kinston upped its lead to 17-7 early in the second quarter on a 35-yard field-goal by Matthew Wilkerson, but the Lions again answered the Bulldog points and cut into the Kinston lead when Jimmy Berry broke a tackle in the backfield and raced 45 yards for a touchdown. The

extra-point try failed, but Houston County was still very much alive and had cut the Kinston lead to 17-13.

Kinston got the ball right back on the ensuing kickoff and headed back downfield behind the legs of Jim Bedsole, who ended the night with 196 yards on 21 carries. Wilkerson got the score on a 9-yard dash, and even though the extra-point try failed, Kinston was back in charge with a 23-13 lead with 3:44 remaining in the second quarter.

Houston County's offense showed that it too had come to play as the Lions took the ensuing kickoff and marched right back down the field to make the scoreboard lights flicker once again. A halfback pass caught the Bulldog defense napping, as Tavaras Black hauled in the catch and raced into the endzone for the touchdown. The Lions failed to convert the two-point try, but at the half the players and fans were both exhausted after a wild two quarters of action that saw Kinston grab a 23-19 advantage.

Houston County received the second half kick and appeared to be headed back to the Kinston endzone. However, this time the Bulldog defense came up with a big stop on fourth down, and from there Bedsole, Wilkerson and Meeks took turns carrying the football as the Bulldogs quickly pushed the ball downfield for their first score of the second half. Wilkerson broke a number of tackles on a 15-yard touchdown run, and Sean Brantley dove over for the two-point conversion as Kinston upped its lead to 31-19 with 4:46 remaining in the third quarter.



A Kinston Bulldog runner is tripped up for a short gain. The Bulldogs rolled up big yardage on the ground last week in a 31-19 region win over Houston County.

Houston County would threaten once more late in the fourth quarter, but the Bulldog defense was again up to the challenge, and turned the Lions back to preserve the impressive 31-19 win.

Kinston's Coach Gary Glass stated he was not surprised with his team's big win and said "Our guys have shown a lot of heart from the beginning. We've got some guys that haven't played a lot and they are hungry to play and hungry to win."

Coach Glass also praised his offensive line and stated "I

can't say enough about our offensive line. They did an outstanding job all night!"

Kinston will hit the road next week when they travel to Arton to battle the Arton Purple Cats in another big region match-up.

"Arton has one of the better running backs that we will face all season in T.R. Oliver," said Coach Glass, "and we will have to cut down on turnovers and lock up better tackling on defense to have a chance at getting the win."

Kickoff for the Friday night battle will be at 7:00 PM.

## Record slips to 0-2 on young season

## Zion Chapel Rebels roughed up 55-0

Statistics by Chris Winters

Friday night was a good night to be wearing red, but only if you were sitting on the Pleasant Home side of the field!

The Zion Chapel Rebels made the long trip over to Pleasant Home Friday night to battle the Pleasant Home Eagles in a key region match-up, but found the ride back home to be even longer after the Eagles scored almost at will in posting a 55-0 win over the outmanned Rebels.

Pleasant Home received the opening kickoff and gave the crowd a preview of things to come as the Eagles quickly marched 54 yards to score their first points of the night. The score came on a 2-yard run by Josh McCraney, and the extra-point was true, as Pleasant Home took a 7-0 lead with 10:04

left in the opening stanza. Zion Chapel moved the chairs, once before punting on its initial possession, but got the ball right back when the Rebels' pounced on an Eagle fumble at the Pleasant Home 42-yardline. Zion Chapel moved to a first down at the Pleasant Home 32, but could get no closer, and turned the ball over on downs at the Eagle 36.

Pleasant Home managed to hold on to the football on its ensuing possession and this time marched 64 yards to add to its lead. Author Coleman got the second Eagle touchdown of the quarter on a 3-yard dash, and after the extra-point split the uprights, Pleasant Home was ahead 14-0 with 3:12 remaining in the opening quarter.

A penalty nullified a long punt return for a touchdown by the Eagles' Daniel Clark late in the first quarter, but the flag only delayed the Pleasant Home score, as the Eagles quickly marched in and scored on a 25-yard run by Chris Huckabee. The extra-point try failed, but the Eagles were already flying high with a 20-0 lead with 10:59 remaining in the second quarter.

Pleasant Home's next scoring drive covered 42 yards and was capped off by a 7-yard touchdown pass from Josh McCraney to Nathaniel Blount. McCraney passed to Daniel Clark for the two-point conversion, and with 6:52 left in the half, Pleasant Home's lead was up to 28-0.

The Eagles' final score of the half came compliments of the defense as Pleasant Home intercepted a Zion Chapel pass and returned the interception 75 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point was true, and at half-time Pleasant Home went in with a big 35-0 lead.

Pleasant Home kicked off to open the second half, but got the ball right back at the Zion Chapel 9-yardline after a blocked punt. Author Coleman scored two plays later on a 5-yard run, and even though the extra-point failed, Pleasant Home was ahead 41-0 with 7:59 remaining in the third quarter.

The Eagle offense came back on the field with the ball resting on the Zion Chapel 14-yardline following a pass interception by Heath Rolling, and this time David Copeland got the score



Zion Chapel Rebels were fired up as they came onto the field Friday night to battle the Pleasant Home Eagles. The Rebels will be back in region action this week against the Houston County Lions, in Columbia.

on a 4-yard ramble. The extra-point was true, as the Eagles lead ballooned to 48-0 with 5:13 still left in the third quarter.

Pleasant Home got the ball back on another pass interception on the Rebels' ensuing possession, and this time needed to drive 32 yards to score its final points of the game. The Eagle score came on a 14-yard run by Brad Sanders, and the extra-point was true, as Pleasant Home's lead grew to 55-0 with 9:46 remaining in the game.

The two region rivals swapped fumbles on the next two series, and when the clock finally reached 0:00 for the Rebels and their fans it was time to head back home with an 0-2 record after suffering a 55-0 setback.

Josh Smith hit on 5 of 15 passes with 3 interceptions for 55 yards to lead the Zion Chapel offense. Author Coleman gained 115 yards on 9 carries to lead

the Rebels' offense.

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Kickoff for the Friday night battle will be at 7:00 PM.

## SPORTS

## Goes 1-0 in region play

## Brantley beats Bears 29-12

By Grace Brunson

The Brantley Bulldogs journeyed to Cottonwood Friday night to battle the Bears in a region match-up and claimed a big 29-12 win to even their record at 1-1 on the season.

The Bulldogs roared out to a 15-0 lead, only to give up two second quarter touchdowns to see their lead cut to 15-12 at the half. Brantley regained command of the game in the second half, however, and rolled to the impressive road win over a region opponent.

On the second possession of the night, Brantley put together a 73-yard drive that took only six plays. Devaris Skanes carried five times for 49 yards and a two-yard touchdown. The extra-point failed, leaving the score at 6-0 with 6:22 left in the first quarter.

The Bulldogs next score followed a fumble at the Bears' 45-yardline. Channing Spivey capped the five-play drive with a beautiful 12-yard run on an option play. The try for two points failed, as Brantley owned a 12-0 lead with 1:40 still remaining in the opening stanza.

The defenses took charge of the game for the next three possessions as all three ended in punts. However, Brantley put the ball in play at its own 45-yardline following a Cottonwood punt and quickly

marched downfield to the Bears' 2-yardline. Spivey connected with Brian Kervin for an apparent touchdown, only to have the score nullified due to a penalty. The drive stalled after the penalty, but the Bulldogs did salvage three points as Marcel Stamps drilled a 30-yard field-goal to put Brantley in command with a 15-0 lead with only 2:06 left in the half.

Cottonwood was down, but not for long, as on the ensuing kickoff Quynyn Stringer broke several tackles and raced 25 yards for a Bears touchdown. A two-point conversion failed, but with 1:44 left in the half the Bears were on the scoreboard and had cut the Brantley lead to 15-6.

The Cottonwood comeback continued on the ensuing kick-off as the Bulldogs mishandled the kick and the Bears' Eric McKenzie recovered the Brantley fumble at the Bulldog 39-yardline. With only 1:57 ticks left on the scoreboard, 25 yards for a Bears touchdown. A two-point conversion failed, but with 1:12 remaining in the game the Bulldogs were back in command with a 29-12 lead.

Brantley's defense refused to let the Bears get back in the game after the score, and kept



Brantley Bulldog Channing Spivey (15) applies the brakes as he looks upfield for room to run. Spivey gained 83 yards on 11 carries and scored 2 touchdowns to lead the Bulldogs to a 29-12 win over Cottonwood.

The Bears out of the endzone as Brantley held on for the key 29-12 region win.

Devaris Skanes gained 157 yards on 21 carries and scored one touchdown to lead Brantley, while Jimmy Mitchell added 60 yards and one touchdown on nine carries and Channing Spivey gained 83 yards on 11 carries and scored two touchdowns.

## STATISTICS

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18	1st Downs	8
49-322	Rushes-Yds.	29-99
11	Passing Yds.	49
333	Total Offense	148
25-0	Passes	4-18-0
2	Fumbles/Lost	1
17	Return Yds.	165
4-30	Penalties-Yds.	1-5
2-37	Punts-Ave.	5-29

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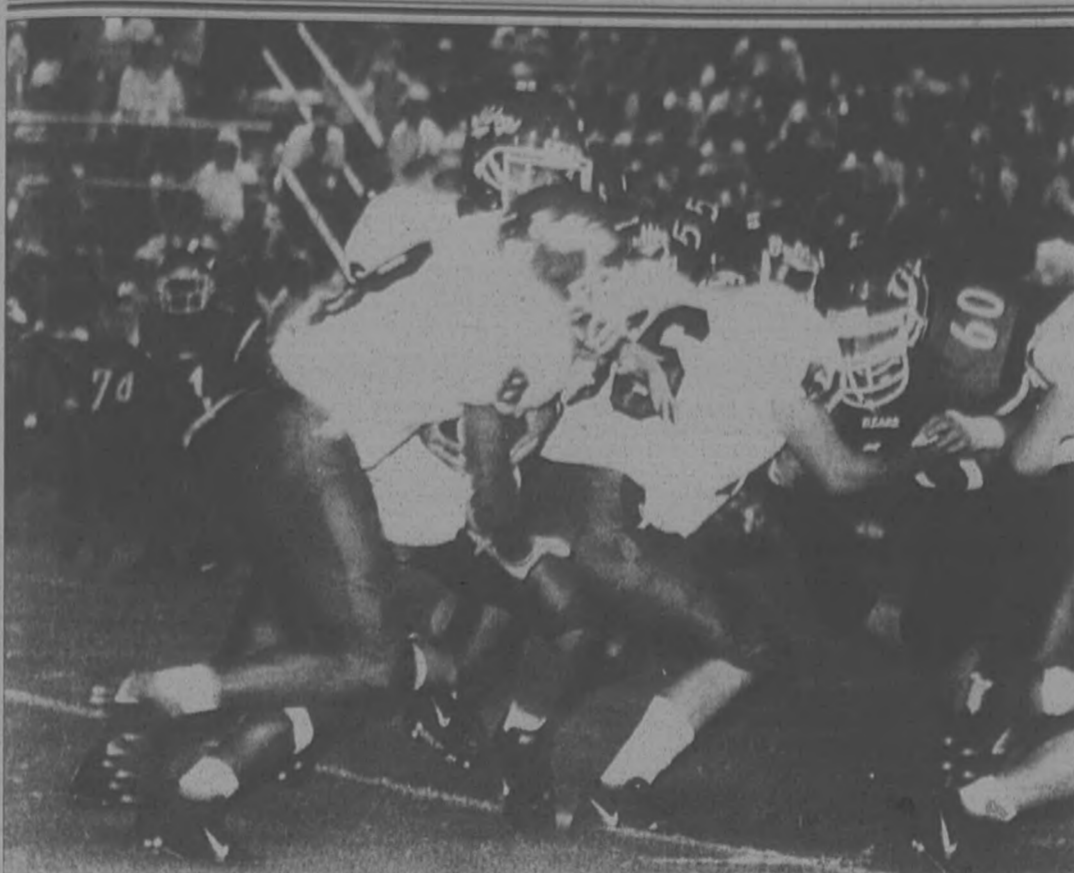
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Brantley quarterback Channing Spivey (15) puts the football in the hands of Bulldog running back Josh Burnett (8) while looking to read the Cottonwood defense in last week's 29-12 region win over the Bears. Making a key block on the play is Jeremy McCann (66).

## Gamecocks run over by Tigers 47-28

By Robby Kinsaul

Some players dream of rushing for maybe 150 yards in one game. However, Friday night in Red Level, Tiger senior running back Antonio Harris more than doubled that goal as he gained 387 yards on 22 carries and scored 4 touchdowns to lead the Red Level Tigers to a wild 47-28 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks, in Red Level.

For the Gamecocks, Tyler Simmons was one of only a few bright spots as he rushed for 152 yards on 13 carries and scored 2 touchdowns. Senior quarterback Joe Sawyer did have some success in the air as he passed for 77 yards and 2 touchdowns, with Travis Slawson pulling in 4 passes for 38 yards, including

both touchdowns.

Coach Glass also praised his offensive line and stated "I

way with 9 tackles, while Randy Danford and Tanner Medley both added 8 stops."

The game didn't start well for the Gamecocks as Red Level's defense forced a three and out, and the Tiger offense then turned things over to Antonio Harris. On the Tigers' second play from scrimmage Harris took a pitch from sophomore quarterback Russell Rigidon and raced 58 yards for a touchdown.

Harris also kicked the extra-point, and with 8:08 left in the first quarter Red Level was on top 7-0.

Harris trucked the Gamecocks with an on-side kick on the ensuing kickoff, and the Tigers were right back in business at the New Brockton 42-yardline. Three plays later the Tigers were at the Gamecock 12-yardline after a 28-yard dash by

Harris, and two plays later the Tigers were back in the endzone as Harris scored on a 12-yard scamper. Harris missed the extra-point attempt, but with 4:39 remaining in the first quarter Red Level was already up 14-0.

Harris added his third touchdown of the night on the third play of the second quarter on a 21-yard run, while Russell Rigidon hit Tanner Carroll on the two-point conversion, as Red Level's lead went to 21-0 with 10:34 left in the second quarter.

New Brockton refused to quit and stunned the Tigers by covering 60 yards in only two plays to get on the scoreboard. The touchdown came on a 57-yard dash by Tyler Simmons, and Ray Magwood ran in a two-point conversion as, Red Level's lead went to 21-0 with 10:34 left in the second quarter.

The Gamecocks finally got a break late in the third quarter when Tanner Medley pounced on a Harris fumble at the Red Level 28-yardline. Four plays later Joe Sawyer hit Travis Slawson in the right corner of the endzone with a 10-yard touchdown pass. The Gamecocks tacked on the two-point conversion, and with 4:3 remaining in the third quarter Red Level's lead stood at 33-16.

The Gamecocks' hopes for a comeback ended quickly as Red level took the ensuing kickoff and marched down the field for another Tiger touchdown. Antonio Harris got the touchdown on a 20-yard dash. Russell Rigidon connected with Tanner Carroll for the two-point conversion, and with 1:50 left in the game Red Level owned a 41-16 lead.

The Gamecocks got back into the endzone on a third down pass from Joe Sawyer to Travis Slawson. The two-point try failed, but with 7:56 remaining the Gamecocks were still fighting and trailed 41-22.

Antonio Harris capped off his spectacular night with an 86-yard run around the right end for his sixth touchdown of the game, and this time Harris nailed the extra-point attempt, to push the Tigers' lead to 47-22.

The Gamecocks' final score of the night came with 1:35 left when Tyler Simmons capped off a big night rushing by rambling 40 yards for a touchdown. The two-point try failed, making the final score 47-28.

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**TRAFFIC STOP REVEALS DRUG PARAPHERNALIA...** A routine traffic stop in Elba earlier this week led to the discovery of paraphernalia associated with the use and manufacture of illegal drugs. Elba police officers responded to a reckless driving call and stopped Russell Wade Bundy, age 36, of Brundidge, on Old Sunson Road in Elba. Several matters led to the vehicle being impounded by officers, and a later search of the vehicle revealed the paraphernalia items which included two guns with loaded clips, smoking pipes, digital scales, etc. Most of the items were being transported in a black school bag. Officers making the arrest were Sgt. Anna Baldwin and Officer Anthony Dozier. A complete list of charges pending against Bundy were not available at press time.

## Breast cancer forum set for Oct. 2nd

### Early detection best medicine for fighting breast cancer

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Although cancer continues to be a widespread epidemic, medical researchers develop new techniques every day to help with the fight against this disease, and the women of Coffee County will soon be offered an opportunity to be in the know about the latest treatment for one particular type of cancer, breast cancer.

Coffee County Family Services has joined with the Coffee County Extension Agency and several other business sponsors to offer the third annual Coffee County Breast Cancer Forum on Wednesday, Oct. 2, in the multi-purpose room at Enterprise State Junior College.

"We are working with our local doctors and doctors with the UAB (University of Alabama at Birmingham) Research Center in Dothan to bring the very latest in technology to the women of Coffee County," said Lucille Latham, a representative with Coffee County Family Services. "This forum will be an opportunity for interested women to know what's going on in the world of breast cancer."

She said the forum, which coincides with National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, is a kickoff event for Coffee County as it dedicates the month of October to helping educate women about this terrible disease.

Latham, a 2-time breast cancer survivor, said it is extremely important for women to know as much as possible about breast cancer because it can strike any woman at any time.

"Every woman is at risk of having breast cancer by virtue of being born a woman," said Lucille Latham, Coffee County Family Services.

"We are very fortunate to have the support of the community to help make this such a major event," Latham said. "Please join us to learn the facts and know the options about detecting and surviving breast cancer."

Those interested in registering early should call the extension office no later than Monday, Sept. 30.

Plans finalized for Elba COC banquet

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual banquet Thursday, Sept. 26, 6:30 p.m., in the Elba High School Commons Area.

This year's banquet will feature some of the area restaurants and other food vendors in Elba with the theme "Taste of Elba." A total of 14 merchants will be showcasing their specialties for the evening meal.

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women to be empowered with knowledge that will allow them to take control and make decisions concerning breast cancer. Registration for the event will begin at 8 a.m. Wednesday morning, Oct. 2, however, Latham said it is very important that interested women register early. She said the multi-purpose room at ESJC seat approximately 300 people, and the room was filled to its capacity during last year's forum.

Those interested in attending the forum should call the Coffee County Extension Agency at 894-5596 to register.

This event is free to the public, and we will be giving free CEJ's to nurses and social workers who attend," Latham said. "We encourage church groups, senior citizens, civic organizations and any other group to attend this day of not only education but fun as well."

Not only will doctors be speaking about the latest information available on breast cancer, but the women in attendance will have an opportunity to have their questions answered concerning the disease.

A free lunch will be provided, and door prizes will be given away.

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## County BOE members made aware of WNV concern

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting, Thursday, Sept. 5, and board members found the meeting to be rather routine.

New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole did take a few moments to address the board in regards to the West Nile Virus (WNV).

Cole informed board members that the first human case of WNV had been confirmed in Coffee County, and he requested the help of the board members in flagging areas within the county that might need the attention of spraying.

He said any board member that might know of an area that needs spraying should contact the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency or their county commissioner.

The board also received an update on the Zion Chapel ball field and Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said the field looks completely different than it did just weeks ago.

"It actually looks like a ball field," she said.

Again, Ingram took the opportunity to thank the county, drivers and said he felt there is no support within the system for bus drivers. His remarks mostly focused on driver inexperience.

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board made only a few changes and all dealt with support personnel. These matters included:

\* Accept the resignation of Shannon Nelson, bus driver at New Brockton Schools. Mrs. Nelson's resignation was effective Aug. 30, 2002.

\* Approve catastrophic leave for Christina Pope, bus driver at New Brockton Schools. Mrs. Pope is scheduled to have surgery in November and her doctor has stated that she will require a six-week recovery period.

\* Employ Dana Howell as a part-time certificated instructional aide for the WIA In-School Remediation Program at Kinston School.

\* Grant a leave of absence without pay for Renee Flowers, lunchroom worker at New Brockton High School, retroactive to Aug. 1, 2002 through Aug. 31, 2002.

\* Grant permission to advertise for a bus driver to replace Mrs. Nelson at New Brockton and permission to advertise for an interpreter.

One side note, one county resident spoke to the board during the Thursday evening meeting concerning the system's bus drivers and said he felt there is no support within the system for bus drivers. His remarks mostly focused on driver inexperience.

In regards to other matters, the board:

\* Approved out-of-state travel for the Kinston volleyball team to compete in a tournament in Lynn Haven, Fla.

\* Approved out-of-state travel for FFA students to attend the Sunbelt Agriculture Expo in Moultrie, Ga. Although Kinston High School requested the travel, board members voted to allow students from the agriculture department at all three schools attend if they so desired.

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## Drive with caution through intersections



Another intersection within the Elba City Limits became the site of a two-vehicle accident last Friday, Sept. 13, after one driver apparently failed to yield to another. The accident occurred at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 84 East and Alabama Hwy. 87 South after a full size Dodge pickup truck and a Ford Ranger collided at approximately 6:14 p.m. Officers with the Elba Police Department and a unit with Coffee County EMS responded to the scene. Although the vehicles appeared to receive the most damage, one person was transported to the hospital for what appeared to be only minor injuries. The accident was the second to occur at an intersection within the city limits in just over a week's time. Officials continue to urge motorists to use extreme caution when approaching an intersection. The complete details of the accident were unavailable at press time as the investigating officer with the Elba Police Department had not completed a report by late Tuesday afternoon.

## "Heroes" stamp available at local post offices

Citizens of Elba joined those throughout the county, state and nation last Wednesday, Sept. 11, in remembering those who were lost during the tragic terrorist attacks of one year ago.

One thing that seemed to hold true throughout the day was that Americans remain eager to help those who suffered a loss that day, and the postal service has developed one way of doing just that.

The Heroes of 2001 stamp officially went on sale June 7, 2002 and can now be purchased at the New Brockton and Elba post offices.

The stamps can only be purchased in sheets of 20 at a cost of \$9 per sheet, and the net proceeds from the sale of these stamps are transferred to the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide assistance to the families of emergency relief personnel who died or were permanently disabled in the line of duty in connection with the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

This stamp was made available by the 9/11 Heroes Stamp Act of 2001.

